

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments. Claims 1-17 were pending. Claims 3 and 4 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 8 have been amended, claim 13 cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claim 18 has been added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 5-12, and 14-18 are pending.

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 20, 2005. According to the Notice, claim 18 was stated as "New" but that there were markings indicating deletions. Claim 18 has now been corrected.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks it is believed that the claim is in condition for allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Please charge any further insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to Deposit

Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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